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NWT Labour Force Activity - October 2014 -

In October 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,400 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 67.3%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 62.2% last month.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, October 2014

	Oct-14	Sep-14	Oct-13
Population	31,800	31,800	31,900
Labour Force	23,100	23,800	24,600
Employed	21,400	22,000	22,600
Unemployed	1,700	1,800	2,000
Not in Labour Force	8,700	8,000	7,300
Participation (%)	72.6	74.8	77.1
Employment (%)	67.3	69.2	70.8
Unemployment (%)	7.4	7.6	8.1

Since last month, the number of employed decreased by approximately 600 persons, resulting in a decline of nearly 2 percentage points in the employment rate. Since July 2013, employment rates have been generally on a downward trend.

Conversely, those not in the labour force have increased for the past three months; currently, this group is the highest it has been since January 2011.

Figure 1 *Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate*
Northwest Territories, 2012 – 2014

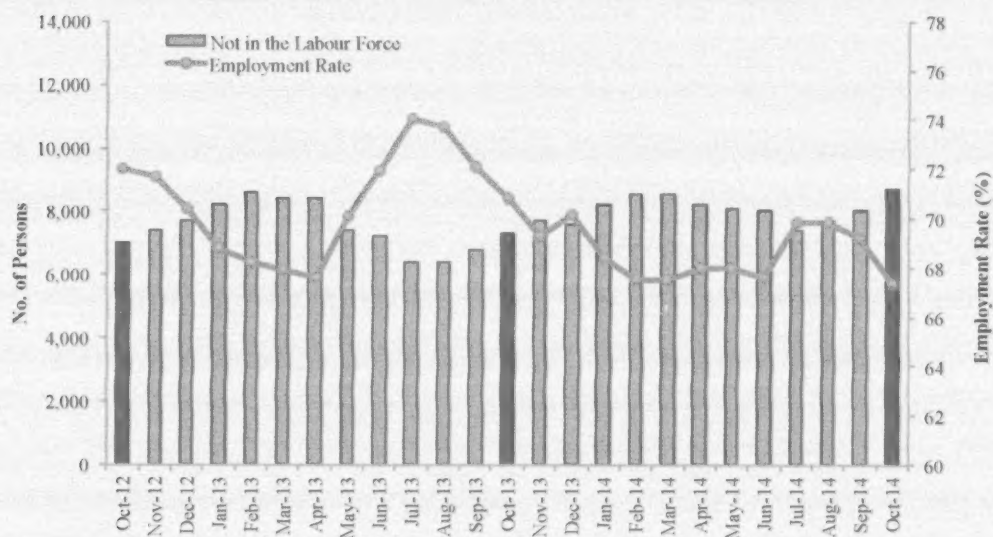


Table 2 shows the October employment levels and rates by key characteristics since 2012. Current employment rates are lower for all key characteristics compared to the same time during the past two years. Notably, the employment rate for those aged 15 – 24 decreased by slightly more than 10 percentage points.

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Oct-14		Oct-13		Oct-12	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,400	67.3	22,600	70.8	23,100	72.0
15-24 Yrs.	2,600	40.6	3,300	50.8	3,500	52.2
25 Yrs. & Over	18,800	74.0	19,300	76.0	19,600	77.2
Males	11,300	68.9	11,900	71.7	12,100	73.3
Females	10,100	65.2	10,700	69.9	11,000	71.0
Aboriginal	7,500	51.4	7,800	54.5	8,000	57.1
Non-Aboriginal	13,900	80.8	14,800	84.1	15,100	83.9
Yellowknife	12,200	79.7	12,900	82.2	12,300	80.9
Other	9,200	55.8	9,700	59.9	10,800	63.9

The number of persons employed decreased by 1,200 from the same time last year. Between September and October this year the public sector had a higher proportion of job losses compared to the private sector. The goods producing industry gained 400 jobs in October compared to the same time last year, and had no job losses from the previous month.

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, October 2014*

	Oct-14	Sep-14	Oct-13	Sept 14 to Oct-14	Oct 13 to Oct-14
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,400	22,000	22,600	(600)	(1,200)
Full-time	19,300	19,900	20,500	(600)	(1,200)
Part-time	2,100	2,100	2,100	-	-
Employees	19,600	20,300	20,600	(700)	(1,000)
Public	8,800	9,400	9,700	(600)	(900)
Private	10,700	10,800	11,000	(100)	(300)
Self-employment	1,800	1,800	2,000	-	(200)
Goods Producing	4,200	4,200	3,800	-	400
Service Producing	17,200	17,800	18,800	(600)	(1,600)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 *Labour Force Activity
Northwest Territories*

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Oct-14	31,800	23,100	21,400	1,700	8,700	72.6	7.4	67.3
Sep-14	31,800	23,800	22,000	1,800	8,000	74.8	7.6	69.2
Aug-14	31,800	24,100	22,200	1,900	7,700	75.8	7.9	69.8
Jul-14	31,800	24,400	22,200	2,200	7,400	76.7	9.0	69.8
Jun-14	31,800	23,900	21,500	2,300	8,000	75.2	9.6	67.6
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Previous Years:								
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Oct-11	32,100	24,800	23,100	1,700	7,300	77.3	6.9	72.0
Oct-10	32,300	23,300	22,000	1,300	9,000	72.1	5.6	68.1
Oct-09	32,100	22,800	21,000	1,800	9,300	71.0	7.9	65.4
Oct-08	32,100	24,400	23,300	1,100	7,700	76.0	4.5	72.6
Oct-07	31,900	25,000	23,600	1,400	6,800	78.4	5.6	74.0
Oct-06	31,400	24,200	23,100	1,100	7,200	77.1	4.5	73.6
Oct-05	31,300	24,000	22,800	1,200	7,300	76.7	5.0	72.8
Oct-04	31,000	23,800	22,700	1,100	7,200	76.8	4.6	73.2

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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